1	2	3	4	5	6
30	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
31	Dadra & N. Haveli	16	0	0	0
32	Lakshadweep	8	6	0	5
33	Pondicherry	1393	1169	618	409
	TOTAL:	2522511	1551085	766470	455550

Controversy over the SEZ Scheme

*487. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Economic Zones and the policy of land acquisition have become controversial as stated in media reports;

(b) if so, what steps Government would take to delink the Special Economic Zones Policy from the forced land acquisitions;

(c) the steps proposed to remove land acquisition and accompanying corruption from the Special Economic Zone Scheme; and

(d) the schedule for such action?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Number of issues and petitions relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) including issues relating to acquisition of land were considered by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) on SEZ Issues and it has been decided that the pending applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs. The maximum area for the SEZ has been limited to 5000 Hectares now. It has also been decided that the Ministry of Rural Development be requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to address all relevant issues and to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family.

Defining industrially backward districts

*488. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reference has been made to the Planning Commission

to conduct a survey to arrive at a comprehensive, scientifically varifiable definition of industrially backward districts;

(b) if so, when would the survey commence and what would be the terms of reference of the exercise;

(c) the purpose for which the observations of the study would be used;

(d) whether there is any package of incentives to promote industrialization in the backward Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the Planning Commission is of the opinion that various Committees have already looked into this, it is not proposed to conduct any fresh survey on identifying industrially backward districts.

(d) to (f) No incentive package for industrialization for the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh has been proposed for the 11th Five Year Plan. Such incentive package have been extended to the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North-Eastern States which suffer from geographical isolation, inaccessible terrain, poor resource base, remoteness to larger market and poor infrastructure.

Utilization of funds under rural job scheme

*489. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the utilization of funds under rural job scheme, State-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that less than 30 per cent of funds for rural job scheme have been utilized, till now;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to increase the number of beneficiaries through this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of steps to expedite implementation of the scheme, utilizing full fiscal allocations?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHAVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was